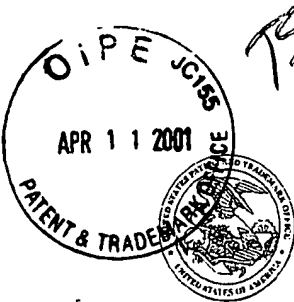


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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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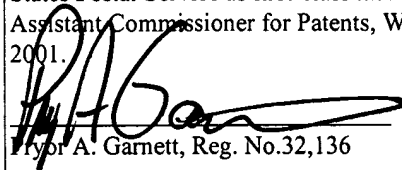
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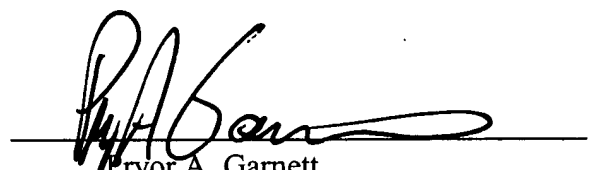
LETTER TO CORRECT APPLICATION PAPERS

As indicated in the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated February 16, 2001 (attached as Exhibit A), please enter the enclosed corrected final drawings of Figs. 1-4 in the above-identified Application.

No new matter is added over the drawings originally provided.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any comparison fees associated with this submission to Deposit Account number 501336. A duplicate copy of this letter is provided.

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